GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:554
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2001
ANTHRAX CASES IN US AND OTHER COUNTRIES
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has urged individuals and organizations to handle mail with care following cases of Anthrax scare in the US and other countries;

(b) whether certain guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 554 FOR 21.11.2001

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The guidelines provide information on how to suspect a potentially infected mail, how & where to send it for confirmation and what to do and what not to do in case the envelope is leaking or has been opened.